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**For: COMPUTER NETWORK FOR CONTROLLING AND MONITORING
GAMING DEVICES**

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1. 62. (twice amended) A method of operating gaming devices interconnected by a computer network to a host computer having a user-generated input device comprising:

associating each gaming device with a unique address code;

selecting less than all of the gaming devices interconnected by the host computer responsive to a user-effected action at the input device which identifies the [pre]selected devices with the respective associated address codes;

using the network to track the amount of money played on the selected gaming devices; allocating a [predetermined] predefined percentage of the money played to a bonus pool; providing data establishing [criteria] at least one criterion to cause a bonus to be paid.

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